#### **Monday 12/22**

9:00 am TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meeting (Room 202)

#### Tuesday 12/23

9:30 am Grace Bridge (Parlor) 2:00 pm GP2 – Grace Prays at 2

#### Wednesday 12/24 – Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday 12/25 - Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

#### **Friday 12/26**

Church Office Closed

## **Sunday 12/28**

9:00 am Sunday School

Children & Youth (Room 110) Wired Word (Room 202) Morning Glory (Room 204) Men's Class (Room 205)

9:30 am Wind & String Ensemble Practice (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Choir Practice (Sanctuary)10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

## **Prayer Requests**

Jerry & Peggy Lewis; Martha Patterson; Becky Bell; Gerri Jasperson; Janet Taylor; Victory International School & Chapel Myanmar Missionary Victor Vula

## PCUSA Joy Offering Sunday, December 21

Today we will collect the Joy Offering.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service Wednesday, December 24

Join us December 24 at 5:00 pm. Communion will be served during this celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please make plans to attend this beautiful service.

#### **Reverse Advent**

This Advent season, you are encouraged to give back rather than receive. In the lobby, there is a calendar that gives you an idea for what you can pack in a box or bag and bring to the church between

December 28, 2025 and December 30, 2025 for Grace Cares.

#### **Year-End Financial Contributions**

IRS regulations require that all charitable contributions intended for tax deductions be given and deposited no later than the last calendar day of the year in which the deduction will be taken. If you have contributions you would like to make to Grace and desire to deduct them from your 2025 taxes, please have them turned in by 10:00 am Tuesday, December 30, 2025.



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Small enough to feel like family...

Big enough to make an impact!

December 21, 2025 Rev. Eric Spoon

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### **Prelude**

\* Song of Praise "Away in a Manger"

Insert in Bulletin

**Prayer For Worship** Isaiah 7: 13 - 14

Steve Smith, Elder

#### **Announcements**

**Advent Candle Lighting – Love** Lily Hoisington

\* Passing of the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Please take this time to greet one another.

First time worshiping with us?

Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in an offering plate before you leave.

## **Special Music**

## **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayer...

Leader: Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Erath what we cannot give back.

Congregation: We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives.

Leader: Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life.

## Congregation: In your compassion, turn us to your

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

All: Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

\* Hymn 132 "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice"

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Listen to the Voice of God" Rev. Eric Spoon

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## **Offering of Gifts**

## Ways to Give

- ~ Offering Plate in the Narthex.
- ~ Offering Plate by the doors leaving the Sanctuary.
- ~ Anytime Online at our Church Website.
- ~ In Person in the Church Office During the Week.

## \* Hymn of Thanksgiving

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 609

# Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

There will be a time of silence as part of the prayers of the people. In the silence, you are invited to lift your joys and concerns to the Lord. If you have a prayer request card, please hold it up.

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Service to the World Song

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymn 113, Verse 3 & Refrain

- \* Charge & Benediction
- \* **Benediction Response** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" Sing to the Lord Hymnal, 136, v. 1, 2
- \* Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Please ask an Elder if you need assistance.

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